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## UNITED PEOPLE.

Ireland Has Entered Upon the Road to Peace and Prosperity.

Hon. Matt O'Doherty's Observations During His Trip Abroad.

Visited London and Dublin, Two of the World's Great Capitals.

HAD AUDIENCE WITH THE POPE

Hon. Matt O'Doherty and wife arrived home Tuesday after spending three months in Europe, both in excellent health. They were honored by a special audience with the Holy Father while in Rome and were everywhere courteously received by high officials and prominent people. Of the visit to London and Dublin and his observations there Mr. O'Doherty said:

"I have told a reporter of one of the daily papers something of what I noticed on the continent. You would probably more like to have me tell you something of England and Ireland. London has not, and there is some room to doubt that it ever had an equal. It is in many respects the most wonderful city the world has ever known. Its immensity simply overpowers the imagination. It has doubled in size within the last half a century and now covers 122 square miles. Its streets, if laid end to end, would easily reach from Liverpool to Louisville by way of New York. It has a population of over six million souls. We also learn, indeed on the best of authority, that there are in London more Scotsmen than in Aberdeen, more Irish than in Dublin, more Jews than in Palestine, and more Roman Catholics than in Rome. Much has been said and written about the government of London and the condition of the great masses of teeming population. When adverse criticism is made it is to be suspected that the critics do not always take into account the fact that no such stupendous problem as the government of London presents has arisen elsewhere, at least in modern times. That there is much poverty and degradation to be seen in London, as we are so often told, can not be denied, but that London has more than what might be called its inevitable proportion, taking into account its size and the fatality which seems to hang over so many everywhere in the race of life, condemning them to poverty and wretchedness, with their usual concomitants, may well be doubted.

"To the unprejudiced mind the wonder appears not that there is so much, but that in such a heterogeneous mass of humanity there is apparently so little of poverty, vice and wretchedness. Until human society, or perhaps human nature itself, has undergone a complete revolution, it must needs happen that where millions are contending in the race of life many must fall by the wayside.

"A mere tourist, however, has no need of moralizing. The first thing that is likely to impress a stranger in London is the great kindness and good nature which appear to mark the every day manners of its people. If he is riding through the city on the top of a bus, as he is almost sure to be, and wishes to know what this or that particular building is which has attracted his attention, he has only to make his wish known and he will find from one to a half dozen ready and anxious to give him all the information he desires. The bus drivers of London are without doubt as good-natured, polite and accommodating a set of fellows as can be found anywhere in the world. They appear to never tire answering questions and they seem bent on making you think that you have done them a favor when you call upon them for information. If the bus drivers have any superiors in kindness or politeness they are to be found in the London police. You have only to address the London policeman when he at once takes a seemingly personal interest in giving or obtaining for you any information you may need. Every stranger in London is expected to visit Westminster Abbey, London Bridge, the Tower, the Tower Bridge, Hyde Park and a dozen other places of more or less interest. About Westminster Abbey volumes have been written. Crowds of sight-seers visit it daily. Going through the great abbey and examining its monuments one can not help noticing what a strange medley, if we may use the expression, is presented to us here in the ranks of the distinguished dead. Indeed without meaning to be irrelevant it may be said that death, as well as politics, makes strange bedfellows. The tombs of the Roman Catholic bishops, archbishops and abbots who once exercised their high offices within the sacred walls of its great abbey appear side by side with those of bishops and archbishops of the Established Church, and with those of warriors, statesmen, poets, novelists and explorers of a later day. A bust of Longfellow and a tablet to James Russell Lowell are sure to attract the attention of its American visitors. The tomb of the beautiful but unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots in the chapel of Henry VII. attracts its full share of at-

tention. Close to it on the wall of the chapel hangs a photograph copy of the warrant issued by her son, James I., for the removal of her body from Peterborough Cathedral to Westminster Abbey. The monument to her unnatural kinswoman, Queen Elizabeth, is in the north aisle of the same chapel. It is entirely appropriate that the memorial to Oliver Goldsmith over the entrance to the chapel of St. Blaise should be close to the bust of Robert Burns. It may well be questioned if two more genial and to each other congenial souls could be found among all those whose memory is here perpetuated. That seeming eternal fitness of things which brings into such close association the author of the "Deserted Village" and of the "Cotters' Saturday night" is not, as we have noticed, always observed at Westminster.

"So much has been said and written about Dublin that I find it difficult to add anything new. It is, of course, more interesting to men of Irish blood than all the other great cities of Europe put together. It is a beautiful city. Coming from Holy Head to Kingston a splendid view of the world-famed Dublin bay is had. The Irish sea outside the bay is often very rough, but fortunately the morning our steamer crossed over it was as calm and smooth as a lake. The Hill of Howth is all and more than its admirers have painted it, and the Wicklow mountains which line the horizon on the southwest as you enter the bay present a picture of unrivaled grandeur and loveliness. Phoenix Park, if not the finest, is certainly one of the finest public parks in the world. Great care is expended upon it. Its avenues, lawns and flower beds are the wonder and admiration of all.

"Glasnevin is the pride not alone of citizens of Dublin, but of all Irishmen. It is indeed a national cemetery. The tomb of O'Connell, where his body reposes, is by far the most imposing. It is simply magnificent. The tombs of Curran, of Davis, of Dr. Cahill and other famous Irishmen attract crowds to the cemetery every Sunday. I stood by the unmarked grave of James Clarence Mangan and by the monument erected to the memory of Allen, Larkin and O'Brien. No monument has yet been placed over Parnell's grave, but it receives nevertheless, as it should, its full share of attention. Fresh flowers may always be found there and these speak more eloquently than marble could of the place he holds in the affection of the people.

"There is a marked improvement in the condition of the masses of the people throughout Ireland. The crops this season have been very good. There is a spirit of hopefulness and of enterprise abroad in the land which promise well for the future. The National League has set itself to the task of securing much needed changes in the laws, and it has behind it a practically united people. The work of Mr. Russell and others among Northern Presbyterians promises great results in the near future. The spirit of faction has been laid to rest. I

do not, I think, in the least overstate the case when I say that Ireland has at last with firm tread entered upon the road that leads to peace and prosperity. I have a lot more to tell you about Ireland which I am sure will interest you, but I must reserve it for some future occasion."

## BRILLIANT ASSEMBLY.

Music Hall Crowded With Friends of Volunteer Socials.

The eulchre and dance of the Volunteer Socials at Music Hall Wednesday night was an unqualified social success, over 500 people being present notwithstanding the inclement weather. For this affair the hall had been tastefully decorated, and when the time for the games arrived one hundred tables were occupied. This additional success of the Volunteers is in great measure due to the efforts of their lady friends, who chaperoned large parties and assisted as lady managers and gamekeepers, those deserving special mention being Mrs. James Gleason, Mrs. Dr. Louis Brothring, Mrs. Ben Sandmann, Mrs. Lahood Karem, Mrs. Richard McGuire, Mrs. Mike Savage, Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mrs. John Gleason, Mrs. James McBride, Mrs. James Dalton, Misses Mary McElliot, Katie Foley, Kate Gleason, Lena Pescke and Lizzie Casteel.

For the Volunteers the best work among the gentlemen was done by Denny Gleason, who labored unceasingly for the past three weeks and was voted by the ladies the best soldier in the bunch. The eulchre lasted until 10:30 o'clock, when the floor was cleared and the young people enjoyed a couple of hours dancing to the entrancing strains of Scally's union orchestra. The prizes were sixteen in number and were captured by Misses Mayme Whittingham, Mrs. Albert Bosche, Miss Mayme Sweeney, Mrs. John Tatam, Miss Tillie Brekle, Mrs. James McBride, Miss Betty Bright, Messrs. John McDermott, Robert Hegon, Joseph Rickelman, Ray Flanagan, Neseff Michael, John Sandmann, William Faust and Tom Garvey. Too much praise can not be given the Volunteers for their excellent management of this affair, who will use the handsome sum realized for worthy purposes.

## BOYCOTT SETTLED.

The boycott declared some weeks ago against the Zoo, and which was intended to affect the Wiedeman Brewing Company, was raised by the Central Labor Union at a special meeting held Wednesday night. This boycott was not recognized by the stage bands, bartenders, waiters or electricians employed there, all of whom were union men. President Jacobs, Secretary James Looney and others declare the boycott was unjust and should have been defeated.

## BAZAR NOTES.

Spirited Meeting at St. Francis Hall Last Sunday Night.

Encouraging Reports of Work Being Done For the Orphans.

Committees Called to Meet in Joint Conference Tomorrow Evening.

## THE LADIES ARE NOW ACTIVE

Twelve of the twenty-one Catholic churches were well represented at the general meeting held last Sunday night at St. Francis Hall to hear reports and perfect further the arrangements for the grand bazar to be held next month at Liederkranz Hall for the benefit of the little orphans now quartered in the St. Vincent Asylum on the Bardstown road. President O'Brien and the others were somewhat disappointed when none responded for either St. Aloysius, St. Brigid's, St. Michael's, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Paul's, St. Cecilia's, St. Agnes, St. George's or St. William's. This was accounted for owing to the fact that somehow there was a misunderstanding regarding the time of the general meeting, though the time and place were correctly given in these columns.

Chairman Feely reported for the Executive Committee that a number of sub-committees had been instructed as to their duties, but after a general discussion it was decided to call a meeting of all said committees for further instruction and conference, which will take place tomorrow night at St. Francis Hall at 8 o'clock. Several of these committees, he said, have already begun their work with encouraging results. He made several suggestions that were well received and hoped for more representative meetings hereafter.

Messrs. Kavanaugh and Villiers, from the Press Committee, made a very satisfactory report and requested a meeting with the other committees, which was granted.

Rev. Fathers Walsh, Conniff and Rock, representing the clergy, added interest to the proceedings by their remarks and the announcement that there was an unprecedented demand for the combination books, particularly from St. Patrick's, St. Louis Bertrand's and the Sacred Heart parishes. Those who wish to assist in this part of the work are

invited to call at the Cathedral rectory, where Father Rock has still some books for distribution.

John Silberg and John Coleman reported for their respective committees. It has been decided to have only one wheel in operation, but each table and booth will have equal representation in the disposal of prizes. Donations of all kinds were ordered received by the solicitors for the various churches, and these will be disposed of in such manner that full credit will be given each.

President O'Brien was instructed to secure a Corresponding Secretary and the pastors requested to notify their congregations of the meetings.

Messrs. James J. Fitzgerald and Dan Murphy spoke for the bazar. Several propositions are under consideration which will be first reported to the Executive Committee and then to the general meeting to be held Sunday night, September 22. The following are the committees called to meet tomorrow night with the Executive Committee:

Press and Printing—Bernard Kavanaugh, Thomas Walsh, John Crotty, John N. Rees, Thomas Leahy, Charles Villier, Combination Books—John Stickler, Mike Hill, William Hume.

Booths—James Curtin, Martin Kirwin. Doorkeepers—Richard Sohan, John Riley, Joseph Conklin, James McBride, Owen Keiran.

Floor Managers—John Silberg, John Barrett, William Rohan, John Doyle, Larry Gatto, Stephen Keely, Edward Holloran, Harry Veenneman.

Wheels—Andy Kast, Nic Bosler, John Coleman, Elijah J. Mann, Frank McDonogh, Joseph Leezer.

Special Days, Etc.—Thomas Keenan, Robert Watson, Sid Raffo, James J. Fitzgerald.

Plans, Etc.—Dan F. Murphy, Henry Hoertz and Olligslager.

It was also learned that the ladies are very active, and it is probable that they will meet with the gentlemen in the near future. A general invitation is extended all persons interested in the success of this bazar to assemble at the general meeting September 22.

## VISITING IN BOSTON.

Rev. Father Thomas York, rector of St. Paul's church, is spending a well earned vacation with friends and relatives in Boston, where he is as popular as in Louisville.

## ABOUT GETHSEMANI ABBEY.

The picture in this issue presents one side showing the cloister at Gethsemani abbey. The inner court is an acre in size, perfectly square, and the cloister is formed by a porch-like structure attached to the four walls. The outside wall is made of movable weather boards on the order of a window shutter, so it can be opened in summer and closed in the winter. The cloister is used for all the processions of the order, being the passway from one building to the other. The

monks never speak in the cloister. Should it be found that conversation was necessary they would have to go to a recess that is provided for. On one side is found a set of painted raised figures of the stations of the cross. The other three sides are ornamented with various religious pictures and quotations from the Holy Bible.

## HAPPY CROWD.

Enjoyed Themselves at the Irish Reunion at Riverview.

Despite the elements a happy and representative crowd of the Irish-American people of this city had a most enjoyable time at the reunion given by the Irish-American Society at Riverview Park last Thursday night. The dancing pavilion was thronged by young men and pretty girls, who tripped the light fantastic till midnight. The most pleasing feature was the performance of little Miss Josephine Byrne, who aroused the people to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the graceful and artistic manner in which she danced an old-time Irish jig to the air of the "Irish Washerwoman," recalling to many the days of their youth and scenes in the Emerald Isle. Notwithstanding the misfortune of the two postponements the reunion was very creditable, though many who were expected did not attend.

Many are urging the society to soon give another of its winter entertainments.

## USEFUL LIFE ENDED.

William McAuliffe, an Old and Respected Citizen of Jeffersonville.

His many friends in this city and Jeffersonville were stricken with sorrow when they learned the sad news of the death of William McAuliffe, an old and respected resident of Jeffersonville, who passed peacefully away Wednesday afternoon after an illness of five weeks. He was a native of Ireland, being born in Limerick about fifty-eight years ago, but came to Kentucky when a small boy. By thrift and strict integrity he amassed a snug fortune and won the esteem of all who knew him. Four daughters, Misses Mary, Margaret, Nora and Lillie McAuliffe, survive him.

Mr. McAuliffe was a brother of the late Lieut. McAuliffe of the local police force. For many years he was an active worker for the Catholic Knights of America. His funeral was one of the largest and most imposing seen at St. Augustine's church for a long time. Father O'Connell was the celebrant of the solemn requiem mass and delivered a feeling sermon, in which he eulogized the life and many charitable acts of the departed man.

## MACKIN COUNCIL

Big Celebration of Its Eighth Anniversary Last Tuesday Night.

Twenty-One Young Men Were Initiated With Impressive Ceremonies.

Instructive Talks by Sam Boldrick, Harry Swann and John Barry.

## FATHER MACKIN'S MEMORY HONORED

Last Tuesday night there gathered in St. Anthony's Hall the finest body of Catholic young men that ever assembled in this city, several hundred being present to do honor to the Young Men's Institute and celebrate the eighth anniversary of Mackin Council. For some weeks past the membership and entertainment committees had worked indefatigably to make this occasion a record-breaker, and all who witnessed the interesting proceedings can well testify to the success of their efforts. Thirty-one new members had been secured, of whom twenty-one were present for initiation, which attracted a large number of visitors from Trinity and Satolli Councils.

President Dan Conniff occupied the chair, and beside him sat a number of clergymen, who manifested much interest in the proceedings, and in their remarks before leaving complimented the order and its influential West End representative on its splendid showing and wished the members success in the future. Following the disposal of necessary business the candidates were prepared for the initiatory ceremonies by Messrs. Charles Raidy and James Shelley, of Mackin, and Ben Hund, of Trinity Council. Twenty-one were escorted to the presiding officer, who instructed them upon the duties and requirements of membership. Next the obligation was solemnly administered, when President Conniff in well chosen remarks welcomed new men to the ranks of the Men's Institute. The new members were then initiated.

President Sullivan, of Trinity Council, extended a cordial invitation to all present to be the guests of Trinity Council at the "smoker" to be given at the club house on East Gray street Monday night, which was unanimously accepted, Mackin's members vowing to meet at their home and visit Trinity in a body. The more frequent exchange of visits was urged by a number of the speakers with good effect.

Under the head of good of the order Sam Boldrick and others were called upon and responded with short but pointed talks. Mr. Boldrick gave a brief history of the order, during which he paid a glowing tribute to the revered Father Mackin, after whom the council was named. He congratulated the council upon its splendid record and the new members upon their good fortune in being admitted.

Harry Swann, Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors, was the next speaker. He explained fully the advantages conferred upon young men by the fraternal features of the institute, not the least benefits provided for the sick and unfortunate. His remarks were given close attention and elicited warm applause.

John J. Barry, editor of the New Haven Echo, who organized Mackin Council and is now a member of the Supreme Board of Directors, was given a rousing reception. With anxiety and pride he had watched the growth of the organization, and hoped that in the near future the membership would pass the 500 mark.

Others who made pleasing responses were Robert J. Hagan, Charles Raidy, Will O'Sullivan, Ben Hund and Grand Secretary George Lautz. James B. Kelly contributed much to the amusement of the big audience by his rendition of "Schneider's Party," and Frank Zurner sang a song causing roars of laughter.

President Conniff then called upon James T. Shelley, the first President of Mackin Council, who conducted the opening exercises upon its institution eight years ago, to conduct the closing anniversary exercises of the most successful meeting in the history of the society, which he did impressively after a few well chosen but earnest words. All were invited to remain an hour and partake of the hospitality of the council. Light refreshments were served in abundance and thoroughly enjoyed, fine cigars being provided by Ben Sand.

The second degree was conferred upon a select few, but that there may be feeling reference thereto is omitted as the others are likewise honored. Mackin Council has set an example for other councils to follow, a live special committee to make a canvass for another large number of candidates.